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A COMING LEADER.

There is probably no man in Canada today who has come to the front more quickly and who has assumed the roll of a leader more satisfactorily than has Mr. Wood, the president of the Farmers' Association of this province. Any who have followed his career and paid strict attention to his many utterances and actions in connection with the rapidly growing organization with which he is associated cannot but have been impressed with his very apparent sincerity and fairness.

A very good idea of the man's caliber may be gained from the closing words of his address to the convention recently held. His advice on that occasion might well be taken as a motto and guide for all organizations or associations. Here is how he closed:

"Our organization is no place for time servers or place seekers, no place for fads or faddists, no place for the confusionists or trouble makers. We must have sincere men and women who believe in the organization and are willing to give their best thought and efforts to it, who believe in right for right's sake and hate wrong because it is wrong."

"Real progress can come only as the result of thoughtful, continuous co-operative effort. This progress will necessarily be slow, but it must be continuous. Nothing can hinder it more than the mistakes of thoughtless impatience."

KEEP IT GOING.

That the Red Cross Society might be made of the greatest possible value to the Canadian people in time of peace and that the work of the Red Cross, with all that it has inspired of service and devotion, must be turned to account in the future national life of Canada, was the sentiment expressed by the central council of the society in its recent session at Toronto.

The public have only to review the tremendous work along public health and welfare lines accomplished by the American Red Cross Society during the past few years, through their home service branch, to realize the great field of endeavor which lies before the Red Cross in peace as well as in war. The Halifax disaster, as well as the recent influenza epidemic, in which in the province of Alberta alone, supplies to the value of some \$25,000 were distributed to emergency hospitals, have shown the necessity of having an active organization prepared at all times to meet with emergencies. The meeting of the Central Council was an unusually representative one, members being present from all parts of the Dominion. The deliberations of the council extended over two days and were of the utmost importance, as bearing upon the future work and policy of the society.

A few months ago the younger people in town were very much concerned as to whether or not we were going to have a rink here this winter. The weather man appears to have

solved the problem. Bowling on the frozen would be more in order this winter than a skating rink.

NO SECRET SESSIONS.

We are hearing more about the controversy over "secret diplomacy" just now than we are about the peace conference itself. Peoples like those of Great Britain and the United States, which are accustomed to have a hand in the shaping of national policies and full knowledge of what their representatives are doing from day to day, do not take kindly to the notion that all they are to hear about the proceedings of the conference is to come out to them through an official communiqué.

Many delicate questions will present themselves at this conference, but doubtless the difficulties attending them will be largely ironed out in private before they come to be considered by the peace conference.

Furthermore, nothing will contribute so much to an easy adjustment of international disputes as public discussion. Claims which cannot be successfully defended in public, it is mortally certain are not justified and the dismissal of them will be necessary if permanent peace is to be maintained. The place to thresh these things out is in this conference and the greater the publicity the better assurance of a square deal for all concerned.

It is gratifying to know that the United States stands with Great Britain on this issue. This fact gives ground for the hope that the sessions of the conference will be with open doors and in the presence of the press, except, possibly, for some very special occasion.

A LESSON.

The acquittal of the man Arnold, an ex-German army officer who was on trial charged with the murder of a Victory Loan canvasser, was no surprise to the general public. To be in keeping with British justice it was the only way the case could have ended.

The circumstances surrounding this case were very unfortunate. It was a case of blighting a worthy and necessary movement by introducing roidism and horse play. Such is often the case but it seldom ends so seriously.

The outcome of this whole circumstance should teach two very important lessons. First it shows our own people that it does not pay to depart from the

simple rules of society or disregard the common laws of our country. Secondly it shows the strangers within our gates, no matter what their creed or nationality, that they are always sure of a square deal in our courts of justice.

We shudder to think of what might have been the case if the tables had been turned and if this affair had taken place in a small town near Berlin. If it had there would probably have been another Canadian crushed, and there would probably have been another exhibition of the injustice meted out to Nurse Cavell.

REFORMS.

Calgary is now seeking for changes in its city charter to allow every naturalized resident of the city, as well as every property owner and tenant, to have a vote in their municipal elections, and to hold any municipal office. If these changes are allowed no property qualifications will be necessary to vote or hold office. All that will be necessary is that one's name is on the voters' list. With this system in operation Calgary will have the broadest franchise of any city in Canada and also the most democratic system of city administration.

With all this advanced legislation taking place in our different cities from time to time it is a wonder more attention is not being paid to the towns. Since there is apparently so much room for improvement in city charters there surely must be room for some improvement in our Town Act.

The advisability of extending the franchise to everyone over the age of 21 and of allowing them to run for municipal office may be questionable, but to our mind there is no reason why the franchise should not be extended to tenants in towns as well as cities. In the long run the tenant is the one who pays the taxes. If taxes increase the rent goes up. A tenant living in a town with his family is in a better position to vote intelligently on questions affecting the town and its people, than is a registered owner who lives a thousand miles away. He is more interested in the education of the children, the health of his family and the surroundings of his home, than is an outsider.

Unless the British government face the issues which are worrying the railway employees, with 500,000 workless employes, drastic action may be taken by the organizations.

Would Punish Ex-Kaiser as accomplice

Some points in the report which Premier Chamberlain referred to when he said he had consulted two eminent jurists on the penal responsibility of the former German emperor, were made public. This report was drawn up by Ferdinand Lachmann, dean of the Paris law faculty, and Dr. A. G. De La Pradelle, professor of rights of nations in the same faculty.

The object of the inquiry was to investigate from a purely judicial point of view if the crimes committed by the German government and army involved the penal responsibility of the former German emperor, what tribunal should judge him, and whether his extradition could be demanded.

The authors of the report give a long argument against the bringing of the former emperor before a tribunal of common law because he will be commanded but his hand did execute. They say that he was not the principal offender, and therefore could only be punished as an accomplice. An international tribunal, consequently must be found. They consider The Hague arbitration court, founded at the 1899 conference, incompetent to try the emperor, as the court was meant for cases where no penalty is to be applied.

They argue that an entirely new jurisdiction must be constituted, which should be the first instrument of a league of nations, and in which should appear exclusively the states which fought Germany.

The two French jurists prove that the extradition of the former German ruler cannot be refused, as he is not a political refugee. The report says: "It is anti-judicial to assimilate war with crimes. Crimes of war are crimes of public law and international law, not political crimes."

"It is anti-judicial to assimilate by establishing that no penalty is possible against a nation any more than against a company, but that the manager or director of a company can be punished."

Reign of Terror

Now in Ireland

The Sinn Féin parliament provided only a one-day session, its members held a brief meeting at the mansion house yesterday but, behind closed doors. Afterward, Count Plunkett told the reporters that a statement of the business transacted would be furnished to the press in the form of a communiqué following the president of the Paris conference. A group of a hundred young men gathered outside during the secret session, but no excitement of any kind was shown.

The public was far more interested in the murder of two policemen in Tipperary at the time the parliament was meeting. This is taken to signify the beginning of a new period of terrorism, which Irish politicians expect will include assassinations and attempts to destroy government buildings and public works.

Two policemen were guarding a cartload of explosives which were being taken to a mine when they were surrounded by masked men. The policemen were shot dead and the explosives carried off. The immediate sequel was a proclamation placed in Tipperary under the Crimes Act which means a regime like that of the occupied German territories. All meetings are prohibited and nobody can pass in or out of the district without permission. None of the residents may be outdoors after 7 o'clock in the evening without a permit. No letters may pass in or out without censorship.

English troops were quickly sent into the district to enforce these regulations.

The Clere district was recently proclaimed under the Crimes Act and the measure was enforced with apparent success.

The Polish population is heroically defending 42,000 men from capture by the Ukrainians. Women and boys are taking part in the spirited fighting.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Miss Ida Vernon has accepted a position as clerk in the local post-office.

R. A. Balentine has returned to resume his duties as agent of the C. P. R. station.

At the Liberal convention last week Dr. O. Boyd, of Medicine Hat, was elected 2nd vice-president.

Mrs. A. Kildick and daughter Ida, of Collingwood, Ont., arrived in town on Tuesday of this week and will reside here in future.

The heavy rain fall last Sunday night and the mild weather preceding it made us think that it was time for the spring poets to get busy.

POULTRY & EGGS—Some choice Barred Rock, R. 1, Red and White Rock Cockerels for sale. Also fresh eggs. Will arrive for hatching. Mrs. J. C. Hollinger, Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. McLean and Mrs. J. L. Larmour, of the Old Fellows social in Medicine Hat last Monday and report a most enjoyable evening.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet in the church next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the election of officers. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. C. V. G. Brown and children, who have been in the States since last May, are expected home sometime next week. Mrs. Gibson went south last year to have her son Allen treated by specialists.

On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, the Lord Bishop of the diocese will hold a confirmation in St. Ambrose church at 11 o'clock a. m. In the afternoon the bishop will consecrate the Anglican portion of the new cemetery.

Among those who are listed as having arrived in Canada on the S. S. Olympic which docked at Halifax early this week is Pte. M. Cole, son of R. Cole, who lives just west of town. According to reports the western boys who arrived on this boat are expected to arrive in Calgary on Friday of this week.

S. Berry, of the Manyberries district, who enlisted for service shortly after the war broke out, is now back in Canada and is at present in Calgary awaiting his discharge. Mr. Berry is well known among the old timers here, as he was employed in the Brick & coal plant shortly after that plant started operations.

The school board and staff are experiencing some difficulty these days trying to provide accommodation for the increasing number of children who want to attend school. Last Monday nineteen scholars had to be refused admission as there was not adequate accommodation for them. The board, however, is endeavoring by the rearrangement of classes and the installing of more desks to make provision for these as rapidly as possible.

In a letter to his parents here, Lloyd Fairbairn encloses a copy of the menu used in the camp in France for their Christmas dinner. The menu included everything from soup to nuts and was very much after the style of what might expect in any first-class hotel in a country as far removed from the seat of war as is Canada. The least bit and program was also on the menu and presents to dinner while which the boys were enjoying the fruits of their labors.

John George, the sixteenth old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Breaker, died suddenly last Sunday.

WANTED—Reliable person to take charge of baby one year old. Good copy. Apply, Box W. Review office.

Earl Fairbairn, who has recently been discharged from the flying corps, is now stationed at Morris as manager of the Union bank there.

LOST—Between Broadway street and Royal bank, on Tuesday last, a \$20 bill; please please give same at Review office and get reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline and their daughter, Mrs. McColeman, of Michigan, N. D., spent last week-end in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kops.

The exceptionally fine weather this winter appears to be fooling the trees to some extent. We are informed the school trees are now all budding out in their spring foliage.

Owing to the success of the meeting being held in the Baptist church this week under the auspices of the Church of the Brethren, it has been decided to continue them all next week.

Leo Dunn, a leading Chinese merchant being held in the Baptist church, is the guest of a Chinese organization. He was in town last Wednesday afternoon on an official visit. While here he met a number of Canadians and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the progress they are making.

We are informed by the manager of the Imperial bank that the registered bonds for the Victory Loan have arrived. These will be purchased such bonds are requested to call and get same as soon as convenient. This completes the list with the exception of the \$1000 bearer bonds and they are expected to arrive in the course of a few days.

Rev. J. W. Morrow, of Medicine Hat, conducted the services in the Presbyterian church last Sunday and performed the ceremony of preaching the pulpit vacant. During the next few weeks the pulpit will be occupied by candidates who will preach for a call. The regular service will be held next Sunday and Sunday school will be held as usual after the morning service.

Huns Took Last of Rumanian Wheat

Conditions in Rumania, so far as supplies are concerned, are growing worse daily, says J. J. C. Brindley, Rumanian premier and a member of last nation's peace delegation. He says that Germans, Russians and Bulgarians systematically despoiled Rumania. "When the last Germans left the last carload of grain was taken," he said, in discussing the matter. He declared, however, that the morale of the Rumanian people is excellent, and he had hopes that the affairs there will now proceed smoothly. "Bolshevism surrounds the country," he said, "but in spite of their misery the people are absolutely loyal to the government."

Jews Now Have Trouble in Ukraine

A pogrom is reported to have taken place at Bridditschew, popularly known as the Jewish capital of the Ukraine, the place deriving its title because of its all-Jewish population. The trouble is reported to have occurred as a result of an attempt by the Jews to organize a strike which the Jews were organizing for their protection in all countries.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. Our meetings in the Baptist church are largely attended and will be continued during next week.

Sunday services: Morning, 10 a. m.; evening, 7 p. m.; preaching 11. Evening: Christian workers, 7:30. Services during week 7:45 for song; preaching at 8.

David Hollinger, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Regular services; morning, at 11 and evening at 7:30. Rev. M. Shannon of Seven Persons will occupy the pulpit at both services. His is a candidate for the vacancy now in this pulpit.

Sunday school will be held at 12:30 instead of 2:15.

CATHOLIC CHURCH. Until further notice services will be held in Crow's hall on the fourth Sunday of each month.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Friday—Evening 7:45, with special prayer for the unity of the church. Choir practice 8:10. Sunday—Holy communion at 8; matins 11. Sunday school 12:30 instead of 12:45. 3:30. Women's Confirmation class 4 p. m. Evening 7:30.

Monday—Junior W. A. Boys and girls confirmation class 7:30. Thursday—W. A.

Plot to Murder Peace Representatives

Several German and Russian Bolsheviks have been arrested by the Lausanne police. It is said that the men in custody were bearing false passports and were on their way to Paris.

The Gazette of Lorraine says: "The Bolsheviks under arrest plotted against the lives of Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. The plot was broken by German police."

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